

Mr. Speaker, Cary Maguire's professional and philanthropic contributions will have a lasting value not only in the great State of Texas, but our nation. He embodies many outstanding qualities that define the American spirit. As we adjourn the House of Representatives today, let us do so in appreciation of this American leader, Mr. Cary Maguire.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 46, I did vote "yes" and checked the monitor—apparently the card or system malfunctioned.

RECOGNIZING DR. WILLIAM LLOYD BOOKER FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. William Lloyd Booker of Clarksdale, Mississippi, for his noteworthy health care contributions to the Clarksdale, Mississippi, community.

Dr. Booker's education began in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, where he graduated from West Tallahatchie as High Salutatorian in 1973. He completed his undergraduate studies at Tougaloo College majoring in Chemistry where he graduated "Cum Laude" with a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Iowa in 1982 and residence training at Broadlawn Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa, where he served as a resident physician.

Dr. Booker has served as Medical Director and Staff Physician for Aaron E. Henry Health Service Center in Clarksdale, Mississippi, since 1985. He practices Family Medicine and was associated with the Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center, where he served as Chairman of the Department of Medicine from 2000 to 2002, Vice Chief of Staff from 2002 to 2004, Chief of Staff from 2004 to 2006, and now serves as Regional State Physician Leadership Council Representative.

Dr. Booker is a member of the National Association of Community Health Centers, Mississippi Primary Health Care Association, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Swarowski Crystal Society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Dr. William Lloyd Booker for his contributions and services in health care to the Clarksdale, Mississippi, community.

HONORING CARL E. HEASTIE, MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BRONX DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month 2012, I rise today to recognize a lawmaker from the Bronx whom I admire greatly, the Honorable Carl E. Heastie.

Carl E. Heastie has been Assemblyman for the 83rd Assembly District in the Bronx since 2000. Since he became an Assemblyman, he has been recognized by his colleagues as being one of the most active members in Albany. He currently serves as Chairman of the New York State Assembly Committee on Cities, where he is responsible for addressing issues facing New York City and New York State's other urban areas. He has also earned the respect of local and state elected officials through his work as Chairman of the Bronx Democratic County Committee.

Assemblyman Heastie attended New York City public schools, and always had a love for math. This interest was developed and refined while at the State University of New York at Stony Brook where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics and Statistics and an MBA in Finance from the Bernard M. Baruch College, CUNY. Assemblyman Heastie has extensive experience in budgeting issues, and served as a budget analyst for the City of New York's Comptroller's Office prior to his election. Assemblyman Heastie's expertise in evaluating numbers has garnered the respect and admiration of his peers.

Since taking office, Assemblyman Heastie has been successful in securing much needed resources for his district in the areas of housing, health and human services and education. Among his many accomplishments, he was a lead negotiator for the construction of new schools in the Bronx. Aware of the needs of low-wage workers, Assemblyman Heastie was the author of the Wage Theft Prevention Act which provided stiffer penalties for employers who steal wages from employees. Additionally, because of concerns about potential barriers that victims of domestic violence may face when trying to leave their abuser, Assemblyman Heastie drafted a law to allow domestic violence victims to be released from their lease obligation if it is found that their remaining in their residence would keep them exposed to a dangerous situation.

Mr. Speaker, Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie has earned a much-deserved reputation as a hardworking, determined and exceptional public servant. He is part of a new wave of elected officials in this country whose qualities include fidelity to the best interests of one's constituents and honesty in public dealings. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing a gifted individual, and someone who carries with him the hopes of thousands of New Yorkers, including myself, The Honorable Carl E. Heastie.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LT. COLONEL JOHN JOSEPH MURRAY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Colonel John Joseph Murray, an American patriot, community leader, devoted father and grandfather, and a dear friend of mine for many years, who passed away on January 30, 2012 at the age of 90.

John was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 6, 1922 to Joseph Murray and Madeline Cassidy. After graduating from high school in 1939, he began his military career in 1942—a career that would span nearly a quarter of a century. John served as an officer in the United States Air Force before retiring in 1968 as a Lieutenant Colonel and Combat Rated Pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours. His military career earned him the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and numerous other military service medals. He was a gifted pilot, qualifying in 20 different aircraft, and was a dedicated lifetime member of the Air Force Association.

John also recognized the value of higher education, and in 1957 he received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia, PA, where he served as an ROTC teacher. That same year, he graduated from the United States Air Force Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. John continued his education by earning his Master's of Business Administration at the University of Dallas in 1977 at the age of 55.

Service was part of John's character, so it came as no surprise that he took the initiative to mentor many young adults in their educational pursuits. John created a scholarship fund through his local Air Force Association chapter for college students struggling financially. He took an active role in encouraging these students and shared in their joy as they reached their goal of graduation.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force, John and his family moved to Greenville, Texas where he began a second distinguished career in the aerospace industry, serving thirty-one years and retiring in 1998 at the age of 76. For nineteen of those years, he was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Employees' Political Action Committee. As Chairman, John hosted informative political forums in Greenville, inviting many special guests over the years including then Governor Bill Clements; then Governor and former President George W. Bush; former U.S. Senators Lloyd Bentsen, Phil Gramm, John Tower, as well as our current U.S. Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON. I was also honored as his Congressman to attend several of John's forums.

John was a highly respected man known for his intelligence, honesty, and integrity, both in his own community and in Washington. Everyone who knew John was struck by his innate optimism, his positive attitude, and his genuine kindness. John was a natural leader, and I am fortunate to have counted him as my friend. He will be dearly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this American patriot, Colonel John Joseph Murray.

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Colorado School of Mines Women's Softball Team, who last spring won a berth in the NCAA Women's Softball Tournament for the second time in school history. The Orediggers finished the year with a conference record of 28–11, and an overall record of 36–24, sharing the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championship with Metropolitan State College of Denver. The School of Mines also hosted the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference softball championship last spring. The three day event was a success for the School of Mines and all the schools that participated. Two of the School of Mines players were named to the All Tournament Team, Kelly Ulkrich, and Macy Jones.

The women of the Orediggers softball team should be extremely proud of their 2011 season, and their efforts on the diamond and in the classroom. These women exemplify the idea of the collegiate student-athlete. The Colorado School of Mines specializes in hard sciences, and I commend these young women in their dedication to fields that have traditionally been male dominated. They are an inspiration to girls everywhere who want to study science and engineering.

I also want to congratulate pitcher Kelly Ulkrich who was named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Women's Athlete of the Month for April 2011.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the women of the Colorado School of Mines Women's Softball Team. The lessons they are learning as student-athletes will make these women the science and technology leaders of tomorrow. I am proud to have this world class school in my district. I wish the team best of luck in the 2012 season I hope it is even more successful than 2011, again congratulations, and Go Orediggers!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 44 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 525: NA-
TIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING
WEEK

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 525 and support the goals of "National School Counseling Week."

I introduced this resolution to recognize the tireless efforts of a group of professionals who

have dedicated themselves to our children and their education.

I wish to take this opportunity to recognize the diligent and hardworking school counselors throughout our country. Counselors like Sue Im, in my home district, at Gahr High School in Cerritos.

Every day counselors do exceptional work to help our students reach their highest potential. It is because of their unending dedication—children across our country succeed in becoming engineers, doctors, and even Members of Congress.

School counselors play a vital role in the development of our students on academic, social, and personal levels. Unfortunately, there aren't enough of them. Counselors often find themselves the casualty of budget cuts.

The average student-to-counselor ratio in America's public schools, 459-to-1, is almost double the 250-to-1 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association and the National Association for College Admission Counseling. Those numbers are even worse in California where the student to counselor ratio is a dismal 810 students to one counselor—one of the worst ratios in the country.

Our secondary school counselors work vigorously to increase graduation rates, identify problems in our schools and improve morale by inspiring students to challenge themselves and explore new opportunities.

Primary counselors often help identify students with health problems or disabilities that interfere with learning. They also help youngsters to cope with traumatic events, from moving to a new school to the death of a parent.

Our counselors do amazing work that often goes unrecognized. Our communities are strengthened by the students who are championed by their school counselors.

I urge my colleagues to support this effort to recognize the outstanding work that counselors do to ensure that our children's future is full of promise.

THE PASSING OF DR. STEPHEN
LEVIN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, it was with tremendous sadness that I learned today of the passing of Dr. Stephen Levin. Dr. Levin was one of our Nation's foremost experts in occupational and environmental medicine and in his career cared for thousands of Americans with work-related injuries and illnesses. But New Yorkers may know Dr. Levin best at the Director of the World Trade Center Worker and Volunteer Medical Screening Program, where he helped identify the emergence of 9/11-related illnesses and led the medical community's response to this unprecedented health crisis.

The Medical Screening Program was a precursor to the current World Trade Center Health Program, which was enshrined in law by the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, a bill I authored with Congressmen NADLER and KING and on which I worked with Dr. Levin to pass. Without Dr. Levin's pioneering research, service, and dedication to 9/11 responders, volunteers, and survivors, we may never have passed the Zadroga Act.

This is no doubt a terribly sad time for Dr. Levin's loved ones, but I hope they will be comforted by the fact that his life was so well-lived, and by the thoughts and prayers of thousands of Americans whose lives are immeasurably better because of his work.

WENDY GOINS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Wendy Goins of Golden Bodyworker for receiving the Ambassador of the Year Award from the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce.

This award is given each year to an individual who is a member of the Chamber Ambassadors. Wendy has been very active in promoting the Chamber in several ways, such as attending ribbon cuttings, grand openings, ground breakings, mentoring new Chamber members, attending Chamber functions, staffing the membership luncheon prize table, and many more.

With a full work schedule, Wendy finds time to promote the Chamber, attend functions and accepts challenges with a no defeat attitude. She is a real asset to the Golden community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Wendy Goins for this well deserved recognition by the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING LONG-TIME COMMU-
NITY ACTIVIST & HONORARY
FILIPINOTOWN MAYOR: DR.
JACINTO "JAY" VALENCIA

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Dr. Jacinto "Jay" Valencia, who passed away on January 31, 2012, at the age of 63. My heart goes out to his loving wife, Rosalie; his son, John; his daughter, Aileen V. Michel; his grandchildren Cello, Mycah and Naiya; and the rest of his family, friends and loved ones.

I was proud to have known Dr. Jay, as he was fondly called by his friends, for many years. He was a tireless advocate for his community and for working families, and rose to one of the highest positions in the Filipino American union movement.

Dr. Jay was vice president for administrative and legislative affairs of the National Union of Health Workers, based in California, where he worked hard to secure fair benefits and compensation for the organization's membership.

His most lasting legacy, however, was his selection as the first Mayor of Philippinatown, Inc. and his work in securing the designation of Filipinotown as a Historic District by the City of Los Angeles in 2002.

His passion for bettering the lives of his fellow community members was evident in his work for elected officials he believed in, such